

NEWSLETTER #3 2024

Mother's Day Stall

Jill & Robyn held a Mother's Day Stall on 4th, 5th and 11th May in Throsby Street. Unfortunately, the weather was not the best which resulted in less foot traffic on the days and \$61.00 was raised which will go towards GLOW's running costs.

Christmas in July



A large gathering of Christmas revelers enjoyed a lovely lunch at The Grand Hotel on Sunday 14th July. Emma was the lucky winner of the \$100 restaurant voucher to the NCYC. GLOW appreciates NCYC for their donations and kind support by the staff. A big "Thank You" to The Grand Hotel for providing the room and a bottle of wine for the lucky door prize.



This GLOW event is growing each year, and we all look forward to Christmas in July 2025.

HCCDC Meeting - Tree of Knowledge Park

GLOW members & friends attended a presentation on 22nd June by Aaron Cook, the Senior Development Manager at Hunter & Central Coast Development Corp (HCCDC) about the development of Honeysuckle Quarter and HCCDC's plan for the public domain improvements around the development site, including proposed enhancements to the Wickham Tree of Knowledge Park. Aaron advised that fenced area will not be opened to the public until remediation as the area is contaminated. No work can commence on the Tree of Knowledge Park until the Honeysuckle



Quarter is completed. This could take up to 10 years by the time the developer is decided in March/April 2025, the DA approved in 2026 and the completion of the building work. GLOW does not think that this is acceptable and will follow up with Ward 1 Councilor, Declan Clausen at the next meeting on 19th July.

Discussion with Ward 1 Councilor Declan Clausen - 19th July

1. Tree of Knowledge Park

GLOW expressed concern to Councilor Clausen regarding the timeframe for the completion of stage 2 Tree of Knowledge Park and saw no reason why the park concept could not commence once the DA for the Honeysuckle Quarter was approved.

2. Wickham PDP

GLOW continues to raise the PDP and the commencement of Union Street works. This has now been on the table for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years and should be locked in and delivered in a timely manner. Concerns were raised about no allowance for a cycle lane, removal of existing trees and lighting.

3. Neufort development

The "Community Benefit" is safe with the height modification to the Neufort development. The Notification of Proposed Modification of Development MA2024-00235-79 Railway Lane Wickham is available to view at <u>www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/DA-notification</u>. Submissions close 5.00pm on 6th August.

4. Return & Earn

The Return & Earn has improved and will not be relocating at this time.

- 5. Footpaths
- 6. Councilor Clausen said that the footpath in front of the Bottle O was a priority and letters to the council would be beneficial to highlight the issue.
- 7. Bullock Island Corridor

Council and Transport NSW are working on a plan to allow temporary access. Councilor Clausen will follow up with Tim Crakanthorp MP and GLOW will follow up Tim mid-October.

Weekly Wednesday Coffee & Chat



All are welcome to come along for a coffee and chat on a Wednesday morning around 9.30am at the NCYC lounge area. What started as a few GLOW members getting together for a catch up has now become an enjoyable get together for anyone who would like to call in for a coffee and chat. Spread the word as "the more the merrier".

New business in Wickham

Welcome to Duff's Ice Cream, 9 Union Street, Wickham (ground floor Lindstrom apartments). Call in and say hello to Olivia and try one of her interesting, fun and engaging homemade ice cream flavours. Duff's Ice Cream is open Thursday to Sunday 12-6pm.



"Spruce up for Spring"

Now is a good time to get out in the sunshine and spruce up Wickham so it is looking fresh for Spring by sweeping the gutters, weeding the gardens, picking up the rubbish and removing graffiti.



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